

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

Referring to the US published application, US 2002/0149772 A1, please amend the specification as follows. Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0051]:

When performing the method according to the present invention, a polydentate molecule is preferably used as a ligand. Preferably, the polydentate ligand is a FerroZine[®], bathophenanthroline-disulfonic acid disodium, bathocuproine-disulfonic acid disodium, or Chromazurol S. As mentioned before, a stoichiometric quantity of the specific chromogenic ligands must be present for reliable and rapid quantitative reaction. However, an excess of the specific chromogenic ligands, e.g., in the form of polydentate molecules, can also be used.